

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated April 30, 2004. Claims 1-5, 14-18 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 6-13 and 19-27 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants provisionally elect for continued prosecution of the Group II claims (i.e., claims 6-13 and 19-27) drawn to a method for managing multiple interpretations from a contract utilizing metadata. Thus, Applicants request examination of claims 6-13 and 19-27.

To advance prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-5, 14-18 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application with respect to these claims at a later date.

We also hereby submit a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which properly lists the priority application claimed for this application, i.e. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/757,227 filed January 9, 2001.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

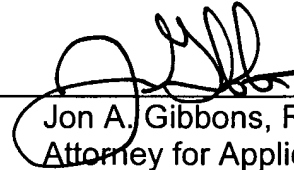
The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct future correspondence regarding this application to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

PLEASE CALL the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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